

# ZECHARIAH – CHAPS 13-14 – Idolatry Cut Off; The Shepherd Savior; The Day of the Lord; The Nations Worship the King

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### Idolatry Cut Off; (vs. 1-6)

*Zec 13:1 "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.*

*Zec 13:2 "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.*

*Zec 13:3 It shall come to pass that if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, 'You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.' And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.*

*Zec 13:4 "And it shall be in that day that every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive.*

*Zec 13:5 But he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.'*

*Zec 13:6 And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'*

### The Shepherd Savior; (vs. 7-9)

*Zec 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.*

*Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:*

*Zec 13:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "*

**v. 1** *In that day* – “That day”(17X in chaps. 12-14) refers to the Great Tribulation and moves on into the millennial kingdom. Christ will come to this earth at the end of the Great Tribulation, and then He will establish His kingdom. A fountain - The fountain (*Heb. 9:14*) that would cleanse Israel from her sin began flowing when a soldier thrust a spear into Jesus’ side as He hung on the Cross of Calvary. Water and blood, cleansing, birthing. Like Eve coming out of the first Adam – a bride – the church out of Jesus’ side! *to the house of David (5X in chapters 12 & 13), and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem*; the Jews in the latter day, including their great men and common people, high and low, rich and poor; so mystically of all the family of Christ the son of David, and of all that belong to the heavenly Jerusalem, even the whole church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven:

**v. 2** Cut off - I will utterly destroy idols and idolatry. The prophets - The false prophets.

**v. 3** Prophecy - Falsely. His father - His dearest friends. Shall thrust him through - That is, shall wound, shall chastise him with stripes that may leave their marks behind. *Cf. Dt. 13:5; 18:20*

**v. 4** A robe of course hair garment - Such as the true prophets often wore. **vs. 5-6** There is a difference of opinion as to who is addressed in this verse. Many believe that it is Christ. It is amazing that Jesus would call Judas “friend” even as Judas betrayed Him (*Matthew 26:50*). It is even more amazing that He would call those who crucified Him friends. But it is the most amazing that He would call me His friend (*John 15:15*). Satan will tell you the Lord is disgusted with you. But that’s a lie, for if you desire to love Him, to serve Him, to walk with Him, even though you might stumble and struggle, the Lord calls you His friend. Are you “trying harder” (the law)? Accepting His grace, graciously? *Cf. 1 Kings 18:28; Mt. 11:28-29*

**v. 7** O sword - Afflictions, persecutions, and the cross. My shepherd - Who is my faithful shepherd, and will lay down his life for my sheep. My Companion - This describes someone who is more than a *friend* of the LORD; this Shepherd dwells side by side with the Lord, His equal. This speaks Christ; man with us, and God with His father. *Strike the Shepherd...cf. Mt. 26:31*

**v. 8** Two-thirds - Not precisely two parts, but the greater part shall die a temporal death, by the sword of Titus, or in eternal death under unbelief. The third - A remnant, the lesser part, shall escape or be preserved.

**v. 9** A wonderful statement? These are the ones who will take a stand for Christ and will be faithful to Him. They will make it through the Great Tribulation because He has sealed them (see *Rev. 7:1-8*). Then we see them again in Revelation 14:1,3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth" (*cf. Rev. 14:1, 3*).

- ZECHARIAH (“whom Jehovah remembers”, son of Berechiah - “Jehovah Blesses”; grandson of Iddo - “the appointed time”—God remembers and blesses at the appointed time!
- Background to Zechariah The year was 520 B.C. The Jews had just returned from a seventy-year captivity where they were held hostage in Babylon. Zerubbabel, their political leader, and Joshua, their spiritual overseer, had led the first contingent of approximately 42,000 back from Babylon to Jerusalem. Upon their arrival, they set out to rebuild the temple. Yet, although they began well, after a year, they had given up on the project. Facing intimidation by their enemies and division within their own ranks, they opted to build their own houses instead. So the Lord sent two prophets to spark their passion, to reignite their devotion, to jump-start their conviction. “What do you mean it’s not time to do the Lord’s temple?”
- Zechariah’s visions are similar to those found in Ezekiel, Daniel and Revelation. I believe that only a literal application of these prophecies to the restoration and conversion of the Jewish nation at the second coming of Christ can satisfy the scope of the prophetic disclosures.
- In the previous chapters we have seen a very definite progress through a program which began with the first coming of Christ to the earth. At that time He had entered Jerusalem and He had been sold for just a few pieces of silver. Only part of the prophecy of Zechariah was fulfilled at His first coming, which indicates that the other part will be fulfilled at His second coming.
- Jesus was rejected as the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep. Another is to come in the future. He hasn’t come yet and won’t appear until the church is removed from the earth. He will be the false shepherd, known scripturally as the antichrist, who will lead the nation of Israel, as well as the world, in the Great Tribulation Period. The only deliverance at that time will be the second coming of Christ to the earth when He comes to establish His kingdom. He alone can bring peace to the earth.

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### The Day of the Lord; (vs. 1-15)

*Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.*

*Zec 14:2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*

*Zec 14:3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.*

*Zec 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.*

*Zec 14:5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.*

*Zec 14:6 It shall come to pass in that day That there will be no light; The lights will diminish.*

*Zec 14:7 It shall be one day Which is known to the LORD Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen That it will be light.*

*Zec 14:8 And in that day it shall be— That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur.*

**v. 1** This would make a good headline for the newspaper. Many times, when you get down into an article, it moves behind the headline and gives you the preliminaries that led up to the headline. That is what happens here. The enemy is going to take Jerusalem again, and this will be the last siege.

**v. 2** All nations - The Romans who at that time had the rule over all the nations of that part of the world. The residue - That small number of the Jews who were spared by Titus. Shall not be cut off - Were not forbidden to dwell about the city.

**v. 3** Then - After He has sufficiently punished the Jews. As when He fought - As in those days when He fought for His people. The LORD will stand up and He will fight for them but He will wait until they call upon Him. Jesus said you will not see me again until you say blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

**v. 4** And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem. That is the feet of Jesus Christ. He shall come again to the earth and his feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives before Jerusalem. Shall be split - **When the Mount of Olives splits, it will actually provide a way of escape for the people of Jerusalem.**

**v. 5** My mountain valley - A place provided of God for their safety. O Lord my God - As if it were said, though it will, O Lord, put us into fear; yet without such wonderful works we shall not see Your salvation; therefore, O Lord my God come, and all the saints with You - Enoch prophesied and was quoted by Jude. The LORD's coming again with His church with His saints, setting His feet upon the mount of Olives and then setting up His kingdom there in Jerusalem

**v. 6** In that day - While God is fighting with the enemies of his church, the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Nor dark - There shall be some mercy to allay the bitterness of judgment, and some judgment with our mercy.

**v. 7** One day - One continued day, no setting of the sun to make it quite night: God will always act in order to the full salvation of his spiritual Jerusalem. Known unto the Lord - The Lord knows when it shall begin, and how, and when it shall end. **When Jesus comes back, when His kingdom is established, not only will there be changes on earth but in the heavens, as well. Light 24 hours a day!**

**v. 8** In that day - When the days of ignorance, and idolatry shall end. Living waters - The quickening, saving truths of the gospel, with all its ordinances in purity. From Jerusalem - The church of Christ, the true Jerusalem. The former sea - Or eastern sea. The hinder sea - Or western sea. In summer and in winter - Perpetually, without intermission, these waters shall never dry away, or lose their healing virtue. Cf. Ez. 47:1-6

- Zech. 13: 8-9** - The Lord says, “Because My people wouldn’t acknowledge Me..., I will turn My hand on them. Two-thirds will die.” In the Tribulation period, two-thirds of them will die. This is what it’s going to take to get Israel to turn to the Lord! That’s what the Lord will do to His people. “I came offering the kingdom to you,” He said. “But you refused. I’m not giving up on you, however. I’m going to refine you as silver and gold are refined in the fire of tribulation. It will be costly and difficult for you, but in that day, those who remain will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’ And they’ll be brought into the fullness of the kingdom. God often uses in our lives the fiery trials for the refining purpose. The testing purposes where God allows us to go through difficult experiences to refine us to burn the dross out of our lives. The purpose of the purifying in order that God might do more for us.
- Zechariah 14:8 (a)** And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem... In the impact study done, not only was a fault discovered in the Mount of Olives that would cause a split from east to west, but seismologists also said a massive amount of water would break through if the quake were severe enough. *Cf. Ezekiel (47:1).*

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*Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be "The LORD is one," And His name one.*  
*Zec 14:10 All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.*

*Zec 14:11 The people shall dwell in it; And no longer shall there be utter destruction, But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.*

*Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.*

*Zec 14:13 It shall come to pass in that day That a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand;*

*Zec 14:14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations Shall be gathered together: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.*

*Zec 14:15 Such also shall be the plague On the horse and the mule, On the camel and the donkey, And on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So shall this plague be.*

### The Nations Worship the King (vs. 16-21)

*Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.*

**v. 9** In that day - All men shall agree in worshipping one (ECHAD – compound unity) God, in one way of spiritual worship, and hearty obedience.

**v. 10** All the land - The whole land of Judea, a type of the whole earth, shall be filled with the knowledge of God. As a plain - All high, uneven places, all rocky and barren grounds, shall be changed into fruitful vineyards. So the church of Christ shall be fruitful, humble and lovely. Geba - The north boundary of the land. Rimmon - The south boundary of Judea. Jerusalem - Which taken mystically, is the church of Christ, and by the repair of all to this Jerusalem, is shadowed out of the complete building of the church on all sides, north, south, west and east. Lifted up - Raised out of the dust. Benjamin's gate - Benjamin's gate north - east, corner - gate north - west; Hananel's tower south, wine - presses north; that is in brief, completely around the city.

**v. 11** And people - Many for number, eminent for worth. Utter destruction - There may be afflictions but no utter wasting of Jerusalem; the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**v. 12** This is a living death against the enemies of God that will take place. The Book of Revelation tells us that this will take place in the Great Tribulation period. **The flesh of those who come against Israel will melt. Their eyes will run down their sockets. Their tongues will curl up. I find it more than coincidental that scientists tell us this is exactly what would happen physiologically if people were exposed to massive amounts of radiation. A Samson or Masada complex fighting to the end, taking the whole world with them?**

**v. 13** That the enemy will be able to take the city will largely be due to this tremendous revolution that apparently will be taking place in the city.  
**vs. 14-15** Jerusalem will become the commercial center of the world. We are told elsewhere in prophecy that, just as they brought great wealth out of Egypt in the days of Moses, they will bring great wealth into the land of Israel when they return—that is, when *God* returns them. A description of the Kingdom itself in contrast to the setting up of it. In the coming of Christ to the earth, He will put down all unrighteousness, all rebellion. **When the Jews left Egypt, they were loaded down with treasures. So too, in this time, they will be loaded with the wealth of the nations that came to destroy her.**

**v. 16** That is left - That escapes the stroke. To worship - By a ceremonial usage which shadowed out a better worship, the prophet foretells the constant zeal of the converted Gentiles to worship the Lord. The feast of tabernacles - One solemn festival is by a figure, put for all the days consecrated to God for holy worship. So we are going to have interesting tours to Jerusalem in those days as we feature the LORD. We're going to go and sit at His feet, we're going to learn from Him, He will teach us His ways. Oh what glorious times that will be, **Cf. Is. 2:1-4**

- *Zechariah 14:8 (b), 9 ... Half of the river flowing from the Mount of Olives will flow toward the Dead Sea. The other half will flow toward the Mediterranean. The reason the Dead Sea is presently so deadly, the reason it cannot support life of any kind is because, although seven million tons of water gush into it every day, there is no outlet. And, because of that, the water is stagnant. In our Christian experience, along with input there must be outflow. If we're just taking in the Word, we'll become like the Dead Sea unless we share it with others. When Jesus comes back, the Dead Sea will undergo a change. It will be flooded with a new source of water that will flow into it. Ezekiel 47 says that wherever this new river flows, there will be healing. That's always the way it is. Wherever the work of the Spirit flows, things change. The water of life—the Spirit of God—always brings healing.*



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*Zec 14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.*

*Zec 14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.*

*Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.*

*Zec 14:20 In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.*

*Zec 14:21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts*

**v. 17** The Millennium! The Millennium will be a time of testing those in this great multitude—a remnant, but a large remnant, possibly—who have turned to God. It is like being a church member—not all church members are Christians, by any means. Therefore, this period of the Millennium will be a time of testing. The nations who don't have time to worship will experience drought. People today who don't make time to worship will experience a dryness in their souls.

**v.18** Egypt is used as an example.

**v. 19** punishment - "sin", punishment of all the nations, which will be one and the same; they shall have no rain, or what answers to it; they shall all have a famine; or it will be different, Egypt shall be punished with a consumption of their flesh, and the other nations with want of rain: the former sense seems best.

**v. 20** Shall be engraved (Ex. 28:36) - Written as it were on every common thing. Holiness to the Lord - It was originally engraved on a plate of gold, and fixed on the mitre or turban of the high priest. In wearing this, he was a type of Christ, our great High Priest. The meaning of writing this on the trappings of the horses is, that religion shall not be confined to sacred persons, times, and places, as this inscription originally was to the high priest; but that all real Christians, being a holy priesthood, shall be religious at all times and in all things; that true holiness shall extend itself to the ordinary concerns of life. All they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts. When Jesus comes back to rule and reign, no longer will there be a division between secular and spiritual. No longer will there be separation and fragmentation. Instead, there will be wholeness. At last, there will be holiness. What a day that will be!

**v. 21** The Canaanite - Any of the accursed nation, or one who makes merchandise of religion. But all shall know that the Lord hath the greatest pleasure in upright, and sincere love and holiness. Some read it, **There shall be no more the merchant**, for so a Canaanite sometimes signifies; and they think it was fulfilled when Christ once and again drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple. Or though those that were Canaanites, strangers and foreigners, shall be brought into the house of the Lord, yet they shall cease to be Canaanites; they shall have nothing of the spirit or disposition of Canaanites in them. Or it intimates that though in gospel-times people should grow indifferent as to holy vessels, yet they should be very strict in church-discipline, and careful not to admit the profane to special ordinances, but to separate between the precious and the vile, between Israelites and Canaanites. Yet this will not have its full accomplishment short of the heavenly Jerusalem, that *house of the Lord of hosts*, into which *no unclean thing shall enter*; for at the end of time, and not before, Christ shall gather out of his kingdom everything that offends, and the tares and wheat shall be perfectly and eternally separated.

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and  
sky and sea.  
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